

# BIG GUN BREACH-LOCK BLEW OUT

## Explosion at Fortress Monroe During Target Practice Thursday Morning

# ELEVEN COAST ARTILLERYMEN DEAD

## Of Half a Dozen Others in the Post Hospital. One May Die—Exact Cause of Explosion Not Determined—List of the Dead and Wounded—Heroism Displayed by both Officers and Men in Rescue Work.

Fortress Monroe, Va., July 21.—Eleven men of the coast artillery are dead tonight as the result of the blowing out of a breach lock in one of the big guns while the fort was engaged in target practice this morning. A half dozen others are in the post hospital, one of whom may die.

**Board of Inquiry Appointed.**  
The exact cause of the explosion is not yet definitely determined, although a board of inquiry was appointed immediately after the disaster by order from the war department in Washington. The list of dead and wounded follows:

**The Dead and Wounded.**  
The dead are: Sergeant Harry G. Hess, Corporal Charles Perkins, Roy Dubbey, John W. Chadwick, Cleve W. King, Alvin W. Smith, Andrew J. Sullivan, James H. Turner and H. J. Day. Artillerymen and Judd E. Hogan are probably fatally injured.

**Great Heroism Displayed.**  
The death toll, it is believed, would have been larger had it not been for the heroism displayed, both by the officers and men in the battery, who, when the explosion occurred, rushed to the scene, and, without hesitation, went to the rescue of the men who were trapped in the burning powder.

**Gun No. 1 Exploded.**  
The explosion took place in Battery No. 1, gun No. 1, during the target practice. The gun was fired by Captain James Prentice, who had with him Lieut. George P. Hawes, Jr., and George L. Van Dusen. Lieut. Hawes had gone forward from the breach to examine the range wheel when the charge was exploded. He was thrown down and motionless, but otherwise uninjured.

**Almost Indescribable Scene.**  
In the thick heavy smoke the scene was almost indescribable. Eight men killed outright, their bodies scattered about the emplacement. Under the pall of the wounded and the dead, the other charges caught from the smaller guns, and the two sent out a roar for surgeons who had been called to the scene by the explosion.

**Further Explosion Averted.**  
Captain Prentice reached the emplacement first, and before looking into the extent of the damage he rushed to the gun.

**JOHN R. MARSHALL ARRESTED IN PHILADELPHIA**  
Wanted in Connection with the Coleman Embezzlement.  
Boston, July 21.—With the receipt of the news of the arrest in Philadelphia of John R. Marshall in connection with the wrecking of the National City bank of Cambridge, there came a further confirmation of the announcement that Marshall had been indicted jointly with Martin J. Walsh and William J. Keiffer, on a charge of conspiracy. Walsh is yet to be apprehended, and Keiffer is now at liberty on bail awaiting the trial. The appeal after his recent conviction in the federal courts, George W. Coleman, the former bookkeeper of the bank, has been ordered to serve a prison sentence after admitting his part in the misappropriation of more than a quarter of a million dollars of the bank's funds.

**AMERICAN ARRESTED IN MEXICO**  
Marion Beckwith, Copper Mine Manager, May Be Conspiracy Victim.  
Redding, Cal., July 21.—News has reached this city that Marion Beckwith, formerly with the American Copper company as a mining man, is in jail in Mexico. Beckwith was sent to Mexico by the United States consular authorities to take charge of a large copper mine in that country. All his employees were Mexicans. A short time ago he was taken to drink less and work more. He showed a disposition to enforce the order about drinking, and became unpopular. It is said that he is a victim of a conspiracy and the men in his employ, and was arrested in order to get rid of him.

**MORE HONEST IN CHICAGO.**  
Clement J. Driscoll Examining Its Weights and Measures Methods.  
Chicago, July 21.—Clement J. Driscoll, commissioner of weights and measures of New York city, arrived today to make an investigation of the local methods in his department. Mr. Driscoll held a long conference with John Kellander, the local inspector of weights and measures. It is said that Mayor Gaynor believes that Chicago has reached a high standard of honesty in weights and measures and wants to get the same results in New York.

**WEALTHY NEW YORK SPORTSMAN DEAD.**  
Pittsburg, July 21.—George Watson, Jr., the wealthy New York horse breeder and sportsman, died at the Homeopathic hospital tonight from injuries received recently when thrown from his mount.

# Cabled Paragraphs

## Five Children Assassinated

### Land in Pascoag

**FATHER FOUND GUILTY AND DIED IN PRISON.**  
**FRENCH RAPIST CONFESSED.**  
**BALLOON PHILADELPHIA II.**  
**Left the Quaker City, Passing Over Six States, 300 Miles in 12 Hours. Carrying Two Passengers.**

**Tours, France, July 21.**—A rapist named Joseph today confessed to the assassination April 21, 1901, of five children of a farmer named Briere in the vicinity of Paris. One of the children was found guilty of the murders and was sentenced to life imprisonment. He died in prison.

**Found Dead in Bed.**  
The trial of Briere attracted the attention of the whole of France. Four of his daughters aged respectively 11, 12, 13 and 14, and his son 17 years of age, were found in bed one morning stabbed and beaten to death. The police with the crime. According to a theory advanced by the police to a motive for the crime, Briere, who owned a small farm near Ceranec, wished to marry a woman of considerable wealth. Circumstantial evidence led to the conviction that the farmer, considering his family an encumbrance, murdered his five children in order to carry out his wishes.

**Further Maintained His Innocence.**  
Briere today maintained his innocence throughout the trial. He declared that two tramps entered the house during his absence and killed the children. He added that he returned while the murderers were robbing the place, and that they attacked him. He was found dead during the trial. The judge gave out his opinion of the guilt of the prisoner, who was sentenced to death with fury.

**Armed Deputies in Freight Yards.**  
About forty strikebreakers and deputies heavily armed camped in the freight yards today. The strikers telegraphed an answer back to the effect that the men were willing, but thought that the time for action had passed. The railroad officials mailed their answer, but would not make its contents known.

**CONDUCTOR JOHN BURKE ARRESTED.**  
John Burke, a strikebreaking conductor on the afternoon New London train, was arrested today. He was charged with flourishing a revolver at a group of girls whom he said had called him names. He was released on bond and is now in the city jail.

**PROPOSITION TO ARBITRATE.**  
Montreal, July 21.—A proposition to arbitrate came to the railway company and strikers today from W. L. King, manager of the Montreal strike. The strikers telegraphed an answer back to the effect that the men were willing, but thought that the time for action had passed. The railroad officials mailed their answer, but would not make its contents known.

**AUTOMOBILE PARTY IN RIVER BARELY ESCAPED DEATH.**  
Care Struck Bridge Abutment and Overturned—Four Hurt.  
Madison, Conn., July 21.—Two men and two young women, the latter from New York city, had narrow escapes from death early today when the automobile in which they were riding struck the west abutment of the Hammonasset river bridge, went over it and landed bottom side up in shallow water. One of the men was carried down with the car and seriously hurt. The other three were thrown out and suffered only minor injuries.

**MADRID AND HIS PRISONERS.**  
State Department Ridicules Idea of His Ordering Americans Shot.  
Washington, July 21.—"Too fantastic," said a spokesman of the state department today, in reply to the report that Madrid had ordered all revolutionists, including William Pittman and other Americans, to be shot. The spokesman said that the state department had no knowledge of such a proposition.

**AFTER ALASKA RAILWAYS NOW.**  
Suit to Compel Them to File Tariffs with Interstate Commission.  
Washington, July 21.—A proceeding was instituted before the District Columbia supreme court today to compel the interstate commerce commission to assume jurisdiction over the Alaska railways and transportation companies and to compel these companies to file tariffs with the commission.

**COINING MONEY IN A PRISON.**  
Counterfeit Half Dollars Discovered in State Penitentiary at Boston.  
Boston, July 21.—An investigation is being conducted at the state prison to discover whether prisoners or any one else had been coining half dollars. Making counterfeit money has been a time-honored industry in the prison.

**FOUND WANDERING IN LONDON.**  
Mrs. Haven, Widow of Chicago Man, Had Summer Home in Brookfield.  
Boston, July 21.—Mrs. Jane Haven, who was found wandering aimlessly in the streets of London on Tuesday, is the widow of Rush Haven of Chicago. She has a summer home in Brookfield, Mass., and is now in the city.

**Easy Escape from Jail.**  
Pottsville, Pa., July 21.—Doffing his prison garb and donning a black suit and placing an umbrella under his arm, Ray Higgins, who was being held on a charge of larceny, walked up to the turnkey of the county jail today and asked to be let out. The turnkey, seeing the heavy prison door and Higgins walked to liberty.

# Condensed Telegrams

## French Police After Crippen

### POSITIVE THEY SAW THE FUGITIVE LAST SUNDAY.

**The United States Naval Academy** squadron arrived at Gibraltar.  
**Major General Wood** assumed his duties as chief of staff of the army.  
**Expulsion of the Jews from Kiev,** Russia, continues at the rate of 45 a day.  
**The Government Will Carry** the gunboat case to the court of customs appeal.

**John A. Gross,** for many years in the service of the Associated Press, died of apoplexy.  
**William J. Bryan** has endorsed Richard L. Metcalf as candidate for senator from Nebraska.

**The Public Service Commission** of New York is investigating the accident of the motor car.  
**Frank Sutherland of Danville, Ill.,** shot and killed his wife of three weeks and killed himself.

**Regulations Were Issued** for the enforcement of the new law regulating customs brokers' licenses.  
**Whiteford McKinley,** colored, was appointed collector of customs at the port of Georgetown, D. C.

**Six Men, a School Teacher and a Girl** were trapped and burned to death by forest fires near Spokane, Wash.  
**Physicians Have Ordered President** Roosevelt of Spain to abandon his proposed visit to the United States.

**The Weather Has Been Generally** favorable to growing crops throughout the country during the past week.  
**Acting Secretary Cable** ordered the deportation of sixteen Hindus who applied for admission at Seattle, Wash.

**Col. Charles A. Dugan,** commanding the 10th Cavalry, has been transferred to Puget Sound navy yard.  
**Former Vice President Fairbanks** declares the truckers' strike of the state and guilty of the blindest of crimes.

**The Marquis de Ojeda,** Spanish ambassador to the Vatican, has returned to Spain. It is reported, because of ill health.  
**Brewers Protest Against the** exclusion of beer from the American market, claiming that it is not a spirituous liquor.

**Officers of the Marine Corps** censured by the recent court of inquiry were ordered to posts far distant from Washington.  
**Four Thousand Shoppers** of the Louisville and Nashville railway opened their pay envelopes and an increase in pay of six per cent.

**James B. Reynolds,** member of the American tariff board, has completed his examination of the manufacture of silk in Italy and Switzerland.  
**Bloodhounds Are On the Trail** of Claude Thomas, colored, accused of firing three bullets into Constable J. M. Sims of New Wadesboro, N. C.

**Under the Dowry Provisions** in the will of Queen Louise of Prussia, twelve children of the queen were happily married in the Garrison church at Potsdam.  
**Gen. W. W. Wetherpoon,** commanding the 10th Cavalry, has been promoted to major general.

**WOMAN MISSING WHEN SHIP DOCKED.**  
Mrs. Marion Mayo Disappeared from Savannah Liner.  
New York, July 21.—When the Savannah liner steamship City of Columbia, from Savannah, reached here today, Mrs. Marion Mayo, a passenger from Augusta, Ga., was missing. Captain Johnson said that probably the woman had stolen from her stateroom during the night and jumped overboard. She appeared to be depressed.

**STARVING CREW BEGGED PITEOUSLY FOR FOOD.**  
Two Boatloads Put Aboard the Dutch Bark Voorlichter.  
Boston, July 21.—A famished and emaciated crew was succored by Captain Watts of the fruit steamer Bines, which arrived here today from the Dutch East Indies. Captain Watts said that last Monday in north latitude 31.7 and west longitude 70.18 he noticed a bark lying on the water and ordered the Bines to stop. The vessel was the Dutch bark Voorlichter, bound from Curacao for Hamburg.

**MOON'S LEGAL STANDING GONE.**  
Its Place as Measure of Time Taken by Calendar in Pennsylvania.  
Pittsburg, July 21.—The moon has no legal standing in Pennsylvania. Joe Cohen sought release from jail on the ground that according to the moon he had served the month's term to which he had been sentenced. Judge Robert S. Frazer handed down a decision that in legal or criminal matters the moon is not a measure of time.